(b) Revival of closed industrial units comes under the purview of the administrative Ministry concerned with that particular unit. The Government provides a policy regime that facilitates and fosters growth and development of industries. The Government has also taken a number of steps for revival of sick industrial units in the country which, *inter alia,* include guidelines of Reserve Bank of India to banks, amalgamation of sick units with healthy units, setting up of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act, 1985 etc. Wherever feasible, rehabilitation schemes are sanctioned for the revival of these units registered with the BIFR which, *inter alia,* include restructuring of the capital, induction of fresh funds by the promoters, including Government assistance for public sector units, merger with other companies, change of management, relief and concessions by Financial Institutions/Banks, and relief and concession by the State and Central Government in the form of rescheduling of dues.

Differences with regard to amendment in Patent Act

1551. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any differences are brewing up in the Government on the issue of amendment in the Patent Act; and

(b) how the Government proposes to overcome the differences in order to meet the dead-line of January 1,2005 under international obligation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Import of Horticulture Planting Material

1552. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to import genuine horticulture planting material of favourable genotype from other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) The Government